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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 January 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-11 and 14-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-11 and 14-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Yach teaches a list of communication messages including messages to and from communication partners (Figures 15a, 15b, Section 0117). Gidwani (US 6,640,239), which is also in the unified communications field of endeavor, teaches particularizing a list of communication messages to include only messages specific to a single communication partner, the particularized list being a thread of communication with the communication partner (Col. 49 lines 53 – 59, lines 62 – 65). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Cermak in view of Yach with the unified communications method of Gidwani for the purpose of enabling a more efficient communications capability for the subscriber as taught by Gidwani. The combination of Yach and Gidwani render a particularized list of communication messages including only messages to and from a single communication partner.

Regarding Applicants' assertions about the Smith reference

Smith was cited for its teaching of listing only communication messages specific to a particular user. Yach teaches a list of communication messages to and from communication partners. The combination of Yach and Smith render a list only having communication messages to and from a particular communication partner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 3, 6 – 9, 11, 14 – 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cermak et al. (US 6,763,095) in view of Yach et al. (US 2002/0128036) and in further view of Gidwani (US 6,640,239)

Consider Claim 1. Cermak teaches in a wireless mobile communication device, a method of operation (Col. 2, lines 38-53, Abstract) comprising: receiving a first user request from an input key of the wireless mobile communication device (Col. 5, lines 1-13, lines 29-39, Col. 2, lines 9-29, lines 38-52, particularly lines 42-45); and in response, displaying on a display of the wireless mobile communication device (Col. 4, lines 1-37, Col. 5, lines 1-39), a list of communication messages with a communication partner of at least two message types selected from a message type group comprising of an email message type, a text message type, a voice message type, and a call message type (Col. 7, lines 35-44), where an icon is displayed when a new message has arrived, either a voice message or a text message.

Cermak does not teach a list of communication messages to and from one or more communication partners and the displaying including displaying representations of the communication messages of the list; receiving by the wireless mobile

communication device, a second user request from the same or another input key of the wireless mobile communication device particularizing the list of communication messages to include only messages to and from a single communication partner, the particularized list being a thread of communication with the communication partner.

Yach teaches a list of communication messages to and from one or more communication partners (Section 0117), the displaying including displaying representations of the communication messages of the list (Figures 15a, 15b, Section 0117); receiving by the wireless mobile communication device, a second user request from the same or another input key of the wireless mobile communication device (Figure 2b, Section 0121 lines 27 – 35, the user can make multiple requests).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Cermak with the unified event listing functionality of Yach for the purpose of keeping track of all different types events that take place on the mobile device as taught by Yach.

Gidwani, which is also in the unified communications field of endeavor, teaches particularizing a list of communication messages to include only messages specific to a single communication partner, the particularized list being a thread of communication with the communication partner (Col. 49 lines 53 – 59, lines 62 – 65).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Cermak in view of Yach with the unified communications method of Gidwani for the purpose of enabling a more efficient communications capability for the subscriber as taught by Gidwani. The combination of

Yach and Gidwani render a particularized list of communication messages including only messages to and from a single communication partner.

Consider Claim 9. Cermak et al. teaches a wireless mobile communication device (Col. 2, lines 38-53, Abstract) comprising: a transceiver to facilitate sending and receiving communication messages of a plurality of message types to and from a communication partner (Col. 2, lines 38-58, Col. 4, lines 1-37), where a system includes a user terminal that may be a cellular phone for incoming and outgoing communications, such as for a user to leave a message and receive a message; a display (Col. 4, lines 18-21, lines 31-37, Col. 2, lines 9-15, lines 38-53, Col. 5, lines 29-39, Col. 6, lines 43-57); an input device (Col. 2, lines 38-53, Col. 8, lines 41-59, particularly lines 50-52); and an unified message function to render on the display, in response to a first input inputted using the input device (Col. 4, lines 1-37, Col. 5, lines 1-39), a list of communication messages from the communication partner of at least two message types selected from a message type group comprising of an email message type, a text message type, a voice message type, and a call message type (Col. 7, lines 35-44), where an icon is displayed when a new message has arrived, either a voice message or a text message.

Cermak does not teach a list of communication messages to and from one or more communication partners, the displaying including displaying representations of the communication messages of the list, and particularize, in response to a second input inputted used in the input device, the list of communication messages to include only

messages to and from a single communication partner, the particularized list being a thread of communication with the communication partner.

Yach teaches a list of communication messages to and from one or more communication partners (Section 0117), the displaying including displaying representations of the communication messages of the list (Figures 15a, 15b, Section 0117); receive a second user request from the same or another input device, which is a second input (Figure 2b, Section 0121 lines 27 – 35, the user can make multiple requests).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Cermak with the unified event listing functionality of Yach for the purpose of keeping track of all different types events that take place on the mobile device as taught by Yach.

Gidwani, which is also in the unified communications field of endeavor, teaches particularizing a list of communication messages to include only messages specific to a single communication partner, the particularized list being a thread of communication with the communication partner (Col. 49 lines 53 – 59, lines 62 – 65).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Cermak in view of Yach with the unified communications method of Gidwani for the purpose of enabling a more efficient communications capability for the subscriber as taught by Gidwani. The combination of Yach and Gidwani render a particularized list of communication messages including only messages to and from a single communication partner.

Consider Claim 3, in regards to claim 1, respectively, above. Cermak teaches the method wherein the method of operation, further comprising receiving a second user request from the same or another input key of the wireless mobile communication device (Col. 5, lines 1-13, lines 29-39); and in response, expanding the display of a selected one of the displayed communication messages from the communication partner (Col. 4, lines 15-25, Col. 5, lines 9-13, Col. 6, lines 58-67, Col. 7, lines 1-34).

Consider Claim 6, in regards to claim 1, respectively, above. Cermak teaches the method wherein said displaying comprises displaying the list of communication messages with at least three message types selected from the message type group comprising of the email message type (Col. 5, lines 1-13, Col. 6, lines 3-25, Col. 7, lines 5-21, Col. 8, lines 21-32), the text message type (Col. 6, lines 15-20, Col. 2, lines 9-21, Col. 7, lines 40-44), the voice message type (Col. 7, lines 23-62, Col. 4, lines 20-24, Col. 2, lines 9-21), and the call message type (Col. 7, lines 23-34, Col. 5, lines 29-39, Col. 4, lines 34-37).

Consider Claim 7, in regards to claim 1, respectively, above. Cermak teaches the method wherein said displaying comprises displaying the list of communication messages with at least four message types comprising the email message type (Col. 5, lines 1-13, Col. 6, lines 3-25, Col. 7, lines 5-21, Col. 8, lines 21-32), the text message type (Col. 6, lines 15-20, Col. 2, lines 9-21, Col. 7, lines 40-44), the voice message type (Col. 7, lines 23-62, Col. 4, lines 20-24, Col. 2, lines 9-21), and the call message type (Col. 7, lines 23-34, Col. 5, lines 29-39, Col. 4, lines 34-37).

Consider Claim 8, in regards to claim 1, respectively, above. Cermak teaches the method wherein said displaying comprises displaying text messages across different chat sessions (Col. 6, lines 15-20, Col. 2, lines 9-21, lines 38-65, Col. 7, lines 40-44).

Consider Claim 11, in regards to claim 9, respectively, above. Cermak teaches the method wherein the method of operation, further comprising receiving a second user request from the same or another input key of the wireless mobile communication device (Col. 5, lines 1-13, lines 29-39); and in response, expanding the display of a selected one of the displayed communication messages from the communication partner (Col. 4, lines 15-25, Col. 5, lines 9-13, Col. 6, lines 58-67, Col. 7, lines 1-34).

Consider Claim 14, in regards to claim 9, respectively, above. Cermak teaches the method wherein said displaying comprises displaying the list of communication messages with at least three message types selected from the message type group comprising of the email message type (Col. 5, lines 1-13, Col. 6, lines 3-25, Col. 7, lines 5-21, Col. 8, lines 21-32), the text message type (Col. 6, lines 15-20, Col. 2, lines 9-21, Col. 7, lines 40-44), the voice message type (Col. 7, lines 23-62, Col. 4, lines 20-24, Col. 2, lines 9-21), and the call message type (Col. 7, lines 23-34, Col. 5, lines 29-39, Col. 4, lines 34-37).

Consider Claim 15, in regards to claim 9, respectively, above. Cermak teaches the method wherein said displaying comprises displaying the list of communication messages with at least four message types comprising the email message type (Col. 5, lines 1-13, Col. 6, lines 3-25, Col. 7, lines 5-21, Col. 8, lines 21-32), the text message type (Col. 6, lines 15-20, Col. 2, lines 9-21, Col. 7, lines 40-44), the voice message type

(Col. 7, lines 23-62, Col. 4, lines 20-24, Col. 2, lines 9-21), and the call message type (Col. 7, lines 23-34, Col. 5, lines 29-39, Col. 4, lines 34-37).

Consider Claim 16, in regards to claim 9, respectively, above. Cermak teaches the method wherein said displaying comprises displaying text messages across different chat sessions (Col. 6, lines 15-20, Col. 2, lines 9-21, lines 38-65, Col. 7, lines 40-44).

Consider Claim 17, in regards to claim 9 above. Cermak teaches the wireless mobile communication device wherein the wireless mobile device comprises a wireless mobile phone (Col. 2, lines 42-44).

Consider Claims 18, 21 in regards to Claims 1, 9 above, Yach further teaches receiving by the wireless mobile communication device, a third user request from the same or another input key of the wireless mobile communication device selecting a representation of one of the communication messages of the list (Figure 2b, Section 0121 lines 27 – 35, the user can make multiple requests); and in response to said receiving the third request, displaying, by the wireless mobile communication device, a list of selectable entries associated with multiple communication protocols to facilitate the user in selecting a communication protocol, and facilitating, by the wireless mobile communication device, reply to the communication message in the selected communication protocol (Figure 2b, Section 0121 lines 22 – 35, there are a plurality of communication protocols such as email, SMS, cellular calls).

Consider Claims 19, 22 in regards to Claims 1, 9 above. Yach further teaches wherein the wireless mobile communication device has multiple threads with multiple

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communication partners (Section 0117, the user of the mobile device can communicate with multiple people via email, phone, or fax thus rendering multiple threads).

Consider Claims 20, 23 in regards to Claims 1, 9 above. Gidwani further teaches wherein the particularizing is based at least in part on an identifier associated with the communication partner (Col. 49 lines 53 – 59, lines 62 – 65, the unified thread is particularized to a specific communication partner thus there will be some kind of identifier associated with the communication partner to enable said particularization to occur).

4. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cermak et al. (US 6,763,095) in view of Yach et al. (US 2002/0128036) in view Gidwani of (US 6,640,239), as applied to Claim 1 above, and further in view of Kaaresoja et al. (US 2002/0177471)

Consider Claim 2, in regards to claim 1, respectively, above. Cermak in view of Yach and in further view of Gidwani does not teach the method wherein the displaying comprises displaying on the display for a communication message, a pictorial icon depicting the communication partner of the communication message.

Kaaresoja teaches displaying on the display for a communication message, a pictorial icon depicting the communication partner of the communication message (Section 0018).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the mobile phone of Cermak in view of Yach and in

further view of Gidwani with the visual icon functionality of Kaaresoja for the purpose of enriching the communication experience of the user as taught by Kaaresoja.

5. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cermak et al. (US 6,763,095) in view of Yach et al. (US 2002/0128036) in view Gidwani of (US 6,640,239), as applied to Claim 9 above, and further in view of Kaaresoja et al. (US 2002/0177471)

Consider Claim 10, in regards to claim 9, respectively, above. Cermak in view of Yach and in further view of Gidwani does not teach the method wherein the displaying comprises displaying on the display for a communication message, a pictorial icon depicting the communication partner of the communication message.

Kaaresoja teaches displaying on the display for a communication message, a pictorial icon depicting the communication partner of the communication message (Section 0018).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the mobile phone of Cermak in view of Yach and in further view of Gidwani with the visual icon functionality of Kaaresoja for the purpose of enriching the communication experience of the user as taught by Kaaresoja.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RAYMOND S. DEAN whose telephone number is (571)272-7877. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:00-2:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward F. Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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